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SUBJECT: RECREATIONAL AND SUPPLY FACILITIES UNDER THE
FOREIGN BUILDINGS PROGRAM

REFERENCE: DEPARTMENT OF STATE (A/ALS) AIRGRAM A-5428

1. FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF RECREATIONAL AND SUPPLY FACILITIES
MAINTAINED IN BUILDINGS OPERATED UNDER THE FOREIGN BUILDINGS
PROGRAM.

A) SWIMMING POOLS

I) ONE SWIMMING POOL -PROPERTY FBO 06404 - AMB RESIDENCE
USED BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION FOR REPRESENTATIONAL
PURPOSES.

II) NET SQUARE FOOTAGE: 800 SQ. FT

III) MAINTAINED BY EMBASSY GSO

IV) NET PROCEED TO USG : NONE

V) ANNUAL COST TO USG : APPROX.\$350.00

VI) JUSTIFICATION: TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
FOR STAFF PERSONNEL AND ALLOW FOR INFORMAL
REPRESENTATIONAL CONTACTS BY AMBASSADOR.

VII) SOURCE OF FUNDS: INITIALLY AS WELL AS THEREAFTER
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BY FBO.

B) TENNIS COURTS

I) AVAILABLE AT FBO PROPERTY 06404 - AMB RESIDENCE AND
07404 - CHANCERY GROUNDS

II) COURT AT FBO 06404 : 7,200 SQ. FT
" AT FBO 07404 : 14,400 SQ. FT INCLUDING FENCE

III) BOTH THESE COURTS ARE MAINTAINED BY RECREATION
ASSOCIATION FORMED BY THE COMMUNITY IN KABUL.

IV) PROCEEDS, IF ANY, GO TO THE ASSOCIATION.

V) ANNUAL COBO TO USG: NONE

VI) BOTH THESE COURTS, PLUS FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT
USAID/A COMPOUND, HAVE, TO SOME EXTENT, FULFILLED
THE NEEDS OF THE TENNIS FANS IN THE COMMUNITY.
THE ONLY OTHER COURTS AVAILABLE FOR USE ARE
OVERCROWDED, MISMANAGED AND POORLY MAINTAINED.

VII) SOURCE OF FUNDS: FBO--FOR INITIAL CONSTRUCTION.

C) SNACK BAR

I) AVAILABLE AT PROPERTY FBO 01404 - USIS COMPOUND AND
FBO 07404 - CHANCERY BUILDING.

II) FUNCTIONAL USE : PROVIDES SNACKS TO EMPLOYEES AND
VISITORS.

III) SQUARE FOOTAGE : USIS SNACK BAR: 516 SQ. FT.
EMB SNACK BAR : 720 SQ. FT.

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IV) MANAGED BY: USIS SNACK BAR: BY CONCESSIONAIRE UNDER
TERMS OF MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING.

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EMB SNACK BAR : BY INDIAN EMPLOYEES
OF THE EMBASSY.

V) NET PROCEED TO USG: NONE

VI) ANNUAL COST TO USG: EMB SNACK BAR: \$150.00
USIS SNACK BAR: \$235.00

VII) JUSTIFICATION: EMBASSY SNACK BAR:

NO NEARBY RESTAURANTS OR COFFEE
SHOPS.
THE NEAREST PLACE ONE CAN GO FOR

LUNCH OR SNACKS IS ABOUT 2.5 KM AWAY. IF THIS FACILITY IS NOT PROVIDED, THEN LUNCH HOUR WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTENDED, IN WHICH CASE THE POST WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO FREE TRANSPORT.

USIS SNACK BAR

THIS PROVIDES A CONVENIENT AND HYGENIC PLACE FOR EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM, CENTER LIBRARY MEMBERS AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO HAVE LUNCH AND LIGHT SNACKS; THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR LOCAL STAFF AND STUDENTS SINCE THE NEAREST ACCEPTABLE FACILITY IS LOCATED MORE THAN A HALF MILE FROM USIS. FURTHER, TO USIS'S DELIGHT THE SNACK BAR AT USIS HAS BECOME A MEETING PLACE FOR AFGHAN AND AMERICAN YOUNG PEOPLE.

VIII) SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR INITIALLY PROVIDING THE FACILITY:

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EMB SNACK BAR: FBO
USIS SNACK BAR: G.O.E.

D) PLAYING FIELDS

I) AVAILABLE AT FBO PROPERTY 07404 (NEUMANN FIELD)
KK) FUNCTIONAL USE: FACILITIES FOR AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND AFGHAN FRIENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN GAMES SUCH AS FOOTBALL, SOFTBALL, TENNIS, ETC. FACILITY ALSO FREQUENTLY USED FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

III) NET SQUARE FOOTAGE: APPROX. 240,000 SQ. FT.

IV) MANAGED BY: AN ASSOCIATION FORMED BY THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY WHO MAINLY USE THE FACILITY. THE COOPERATION AND GUIDANCE OF EMBASSY GSO IS ALSO SOUGHT IN MAINTAINING THE FACILITY.

V) NET PROCEED TO USG: NONE

VI) ANNUAL COST TO USG: US\$200.00.

VII) JUSTIFICATION: WITHOUT THIS FACILITY THE COMMUNITY
HAS NO OTHER PLACE TO GO IN TOWN
FOR GAMES. BESIDES HELPING THE
COMMUNITY, THIS ALSO PROVIDES A
VERY VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP
AFGHAN CONTACTS.

VIII) SOURCE OF FUNDS FBO.

INITIALLY: THE LAWN WAS DONATED BY AFGA-, GOVERN-
MENT.

E) OTHER

POST HAS A LIBRARY AND AUDITORIUM MAINTAINED BY EMBA-
SSY GSO WITH FBO FUNDS. ACTUAL USAGE IS CONTROLLED
BY USIS UNDER THEIR NORMAL PROGRAMS.
PROCEED TO USG- NONE IN FINANCIAL TERMS.

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ANNUAL COST TO USG: US\$7,200.00 SOURCE OF FUNDS INI-
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